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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			10/583/182				
	TIONAL APPLICATION NO. 04/018950	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 DECEMBER 2004	PRIORITION DATE OF AIMED 19 DECEMBER 2003				
TITLE OF	TITLE OF INVENTION ASTAXANTHIN-CONTAINING PET FOODS						
	APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US HONDA, Tomoaki et al.						
Applican	t herewith submits to the United Sta	ates Designated/Elected Office (DO/	EO/US) the following items and other information:				
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3. 🗸	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.						
4.	The US has been elected (Article 31).						
5.	A copy of the International Application	n as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
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	b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).						
7. 🗹	Amendments to the claims of the Inte	rnational Application under PCT Article 1	9 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))				
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8.	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).						
9. 🗸	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). unexecuted						
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